

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

- 1                   1.       (Currently amended) A device control device comprising:  
2                   speech recognition means [[ (2, 3) ]] which acquires speech data representing a  
3                   speech and specifies words candidates included in represented by the speech by performing  
4                   speech recognition on the speech data and calculates a likelihood of each of the specified words  
5                   candidates;  
6                   specifying means [[ (7) ]] which specifies words included in the speech based on  
7                   the likelihoods calculated by the speech recognition means and specifies a content of the speech  
8                   uttered by an utterer based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2); and  
9                   a database which stores preceding controls, subsequent controls, and weighting  
10                  factors, each of which is associated with one another; and  
11                  process execution means [[ (7) ]] which specifies [[a]] content of a subsequent  
12                  control to be performed on an external device to be a control target based on a currently executed  
13                  control, a weighting factor stored in association with the currently executed control and the  
14                  specified content of the uttered speech specified by the specifying means, and performs the  
15                  subsequent control.
- 1                   2.       (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 1,  
2                   wherein the speech recognition means [[ (2, 3) ]] includes speech part specifying means [[ (3) ]]  
3                   which specifies a part of speech of the specified words, and  
4                   the specifying means [[ (7) ]] specifies a content of the speech uttered by the utterer  
5                   based only on those of the words specified by the speech recognition means [[ (2) ]] which are  
6                   specified as a predetermined part of speech.

1                   3.       (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 2,  
2 wherein the specifying means [(7)] discriminates whether or not a combination of a plurality of  
3 words in the words specified by the speech recognition means [(2, 3)] which is specified as a  
4 predetermined part of speech meets a predetermined condition, and specifies a content of the  
5 speech uttered by the utterer based on a discrimination result.

1                   4.       (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 1,  
2 wherein the specifying means [(7)] holds information which associates words with one or more  
3 categories, and specifies a content of the speech uttered by the utterer based on a category in  
4 which the words specified by the speech recognition means [(2, 3)] are classified.

1                   5.       (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 1,  
2 wherein the specifying means [(7)] holds correlation information which associates words of  
3 different meanings or different categories with each process of the process execution means  
4 [(7)], and specifies a content of the speech uttered by the utterer based on a combination of  
5 those words or categories which are specified by the speech recognition means [(2, 3)], and the  
6 correlation information.

1                   6.       (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 1,  
2 wherein the specifying means [(7)] holds information which associates words with one or more  
3 categories, and specifies a content of the speech uttered by the utterer based on a category in  
4 which a plurality of words specified by the speech recognition means [(2, 3)] are commonly  
5 classified.

1                   7.       (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 1,  
2 wherein the specifying means [(7)] holds a plurality of words assigned to respective processes  
3 of the process execution means [(7)], and performs a corresponding process when at least one  
4 of the words specified by the speech recognition means [(2, 3)] is a word assigned to the  
5 process.

1                   8.       (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 1,  
2 wherein when a meaning of an input speech is not discriminatable, the specifying means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~  
3 prompts an input in a more discriminatable expression.

1                   9.       (Currently amended) The device control device according to claim 1,  
2 further comprising information acquisition means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~ which acquires information from an  
3 external device, and  
4 wherein the specifying means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~ selects an output content to be output based  
5 on the information acquired by the information acquisition means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~.

1                   10.      (Currently amended) A device control device according to claim 1 further  
2 comprising:

3                   ~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech~~  
4 ~~and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech~~  
5 ~~data;~~

6                   ~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~  
7 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);~~

8                   ~~process specifying means (7) which specifies a content of control to be performed~~  
9 ~~on an external device to be a control target based on the specified content;~~

10                  information acquisition means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~ which acquires information via  
11 predetermined communication means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~; and

12                  speech output means ~~[[ (5) ]]~~ which outputs a speech based on the information  
13 acquired by the information acquisition means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~,

14                  whereby when the control specified by the process ~~specifying execution~~ means  
15 ~~[[ (7) ]]~~ is to output information acquired by the information acquisition means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~, the speech  
16 output means ~~[[ (5) ]]~~ outputs a speech based on the information.

11-18. (Canceled)

1                   19.   (Currently amended) ~~A speech recognition device comprising:~~The device  
2 control device according to claim 10,  
3                   ~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech~~  
4 ~~and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech~~  
5 ~~data;~~  
6                   ~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer~~  
7 ~~based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);~~  
8                   ~~wherein process specifying means [(7)] which specifies a process to be~~  
9 ~~performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech.[::]~~  
10                  ~~information acquisition means (7) which acquires information via predetermined~~  
11 ~~communication means (74); and~~  
12                  ~~speech output means (5) which outputs a speech based on the information~~  
13 ~~acquired by the information acquisition means (7);~~  
14                  ~~whereby when the process specified by the process specifying means (7) is to~~  
15 ~~output information acquired by the information acquisition means (7), the speech output means~~  
16 ~~(5) outputs a speech based on the information.~~

20-28. (Canceled)

1                   29.   (Currently amended) ~~The agent device control~~device according to claim  
2 [[20]]1, wherein the ~~specifying process execution~~means [(7)] includes means which, when the  
3 process specified as a process to be performed is a process of presenting information externally  
4 received to the utterer, performs the presentation by generating a speech which reads out the  
5 information.

30.   (Canceled)

1                   31.     (Currently amended) ~~An on-vehicle~~The device control device according  
2 to claim 1 so constructed as to be mountable on a vehicle having an ~~external-on-vehicle~~ device  
3 mounted thereon, ~~comprising:~~  
4                   speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech  
5 and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech  
6 data;  
7                   specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer  
8 based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3); and  
9                   wherein the process extension means [[ (7) ]] which specifies a content of control  
10 to be performed on the on-vehicle device based on the specified content of the uttered speech,  
11 and performs the specified control.

32-38. (Canceled)

1                   39.     (Currently amended) ~~An on-vehicle~~The device control device according  
2 to claim 31 further comprising~~so constructed as to be mountable on a vehicle having an external~~  
3 ~~on-vehicle device mounted thereon, comprising:~~  
4                   speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech  
5 and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech  
6 data;  
7                   specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer  
8 based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);  
9                   process specifying means (7) which specifies a content of control to be performed  
10 on the on-vehicle device control device based on the specified content;  
11                   information acquisition means [[ (7) ]] which acquires information via  
12 predetermined communication means [[ (74) ]]; and  
13                   speech output means [[ (5) ]] which outputs a speech based on the information  
14 acquired by the information acquisition means [[ (7) ]],

whereby when the control specified by the process ~~specifying execution~~ means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~ is to output information acquired by the information acquisition means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~, the speech output means ~~[[ (5) ]]~~ outputs a speech based on the information.

40. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]] The device control device of claim 1 incorporated in a navigation device so constructed as to be mountable on a vehicle, comprising:~~  
~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~  
~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3); and~~  
~~wherein the process execution means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~ which specifies a content of a navigation process to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech, and performs the specified navigation process.~~

41-47. (Canceled)

48. (Currently amended) ~~A navigation device so constructed as to be mountable on a vehicle. The device control device according to claim 40 further comprising:~~  
~~speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~  
~~specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);~~  
~~process specifying means (7) which specifies a content of a navigation processes to be performed based on the specified content;~~  
~~information acquisition means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~ which acquires information via predetermined communication means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~; and~~  
~~speech output means ~~[[ (5) ]]~~ which outputs a speech based on the information acquired by the information acquisition means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~,~~

whereby when the navigation process specified by the process specifying  
execution means [[ (7) ]] is to output information acquired by the information acquisition means  
[[ (7) ]], the speech output means outputs a speech based on the information.

49. (Currently amended) [[An]] The device control device of claim 1  
incorporated in an audio device, comprising:  
speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech  
and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech  
data;  
specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer  
based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3); and  
wherein the process execution means [[ (7) ]] which specifies a content of a speech  
process to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech, and performs the  
specified speech process, or controls an external device in such a way as to cause the external  
device to perform the specified speech process.

50-56. (Canceled)

57. (Currently amended) ~~An audio device~~ The device control device of claim  
49 further comprising:  
speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech  
and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech  
data;  
specifying means which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer  
based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);  
process specifying means (7) which specifies a content of a speech process to be  
performed based on the specified content;  
information acquisition means [[ (7) ]] which acquires information via  
predetermined communication means [[ (7) ]]; and

speech output means ~~[[ (5) ]]~~ which outputs a speech based on the information acquired by the information acquisition means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~,  
whereby when the speech process specified by the process specifying means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~ is to output information acquired by the information acquisition means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~, the speech output means ~~[[ (5) ]]~~ outputs a speech based on the information.

58. (Currently amended) A device control method comprising a computer performer:  
a speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and ~~specifies specifying words candidates included in represented by~~ the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data and calculating a likelihood of each of the specified words candidates;  
a specifying step of specifying words included in the speech based on likelihoods specified in the speech recognition step and specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based on the specified words specified in the speech recognition step; and  
a process execution step of specifying [[a]] content of a subsequent control to be performed on an external device to be a control target based on a currently executed control, a predetermined subsequent control, a weighting factor associated with the currently executed control, and the specified content of the uttered speech, and performing the subsequent control.

59. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~The device control method according to claim 58 further comprising:  
a ~~speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~  
a ~~specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based on the words specified in the speech recognition step;~~  
a ~~process specifying step of specifying a content of control to be performed on an external device to be a control target based on the specified content;~~  
an information acquisition step of acquiring information via a predetermined communication device; and



11                   a speech output step of outputting a speech based on the information acquired in  
12 the information acquisition step,  
13                   whereby when the control specified in the process ~~specifying execution~~ step is to  
14 output information acquired in the information acquisition step, a speech is output based on the  
15 information in the speech output step.

60.       (Canceled)

1                   61.       (Currently amended) ~~A speech recognition method comprising: The~~  
2 ~~device control method according to claim 10, wherein the process execution step specifies a~~  
3 ~~process to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech.~~  
4                   ~~a speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and~~  
5 ~~specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~  
6                   ~~a specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based~~  
7 ~~on the words specified in the speech recognition step;~~  
8                   ~~a process specifying step of specifying a process to be performed based on the~~  
9 ~~specified content;~~  
10                  ~~an information acquisition step of acquiring information via a predetermined~~  
11 ~~communication device; and~~  
12                  ~~a speech output step of outputting a speech based on the information acquired in~~  
13 ~~the information acquisition step;~~  
14                  ~~whereby when the process specified in the process specifying step is to output~~  
15 ~~information acquired in the information acquisition step, a speech is output based on the~~  
16 ~~information in the speech output step.~~

62 and 63.       (Canceled)

1                   64.     (Currently amended) ~~An on-vehicle device control method. The device~~  
2 ~~control method according to claim 58~~ for controlling an on-vehicle device mounted on a vehicle,  
3 ~~comprising:~~  
4                   a ~~speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and~~  
5 ~~specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~  
6                   a ~~specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based~~  
7 ~~on the words specified in the speech recognition step; and~~  
8                   [[a]]~~wherein the process execution step of specifying specifies~~ a content of  
9 control to be performed on the on-vehicle device on the specified content ~~of the uttered speech,~~  
10 ~~and performing-performs~~ the ~~specified~~ control.

1                   65.     (Currently amended) ~~An on-vehicle device control method for controlling~~  
2 ~~an on-vehicle device mounted on a vehicle. The method according to claim 64 further~~  
3 ~~comprising:~~  
4                   a ~~speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and~~  
5 ~~specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~  
6                   a ~~specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based~~  
7 ~~on the words specified in the speech recognition step;~~  
8                   a ~~process specifying step of specifying a content of control to be performed on the~~  
9 ~~on-vehicle device control device based on the specified content;~~  
10                   an information acquisition step of acquiring information via a predetermined  
11 communication device; and  
12                   a speech output step of outputting a speech based on the information acquired in  
13 the information acquisition step,  
14                   whereby when the control specified in the process ~~specifying-execution~~ step is to  
15 output information acquired in the information acquisition step, a speech is output based on the  
16 information in the speech output step.

1                   66.     (Currently amended) ~~A navigation method comprising:~~The device control  
2 method of claim 58 for controlling a navigation device mounted on a vehicle,  
3                   a ~~speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and~~  
4 ~~specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~  
5                   a ~~specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based~~  
6 ~~on the words specified in the speech recognition step; and~~  
7                   [[a]]~~wherein the process execution step of specifying~~specifies a content of a  
8 navigation process to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech, and  
9 ~~performing~~performs the specified navigation process.

1                   67.     (Currently amended) ~~A navigation method~~The method according to claim  
2 66 further comprising:  
3                   a ~~speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and~~  
4 ~~specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;~~  
5                   a ~~specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based~~  
6 ~~on the words specified in the speech recognition step;~~  
7                   a ~~process specifying step of specifying a content of a navigation process to be~~  
8 ~~performed based on the specified content;~~  
9                   an information acquisition step of acquiring information via a predetermined  
10 communication device; and  
11                   a speech output step of outputting a speech based on the information acquired in  
12 the information acquisition step,  
13                   whereby when the navigation process specified in the process ~~specifying~~  
14 execution ~~step~~ is to output information acquired in the information acquisition step, a speech is  
15 output based on the information in the speech output step.

68. (Currently amended) ~~[[An]]~~The device control method of claim 58 for  
controlling an audio device, ~~control method comprising~~[[:]  
a speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and  
specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;  
a specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based  
on the words specified in the speech recognition step; and  
[[a]]wherein the process execution step ~~of specifying~~specifies a content of a  
speech process to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech, and  
~~performing~~performs the speech process, or ~~controlling~~controls an external audio device in such  
a way as to cause the ~~external audio~~ device to perform the specified speech process.

69. (Currently amended) ~~An audio device control method~~The method of  
claim 68 further comprising:  
a speech recognition step of acquiring speech data representing a speech and  
specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;  
a specifying step of specifying a content of the speech uttered by an utterer based  
on the words specified in the speech recognition step;  
a process specifying step specifying a content of a speech process to be performed  
by an external audio device based on the specified content;  
an information acquisition step of acquiring information via a predetermined  
communication device; and  
a speech output step of outputting a speech based on the information acquired in  
the information acquisition step,  
whereby when the speech process specified in the process ~~specifying~~specifying ~~executing~~  
step is to output information acquired in the information acquisition step, a speech is output  
based on the information in the speech output step.

1                   70. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~An information recording medium storing a  
2 program which allows a computer to function as a~~device control device~~comprising:  
3 speech recognition means [[[2, 3)]] which acquires speech data representing a  
4 speech and specifies words~~candidates included in~~represented by the speech by performing  
5 speech recognition on the speech data~~and calculates a likelihood of each of the specified words~~  
6 candidates;  
7 specifying means [[[7)]] which specifies words included in the speech based on  
8 likelihoods calculated in the speech recognition means and specifies a content of the speech  
9 uttered by an utterer based on the~~specified words specified by the speech recognition means (2,~~  
10 ~~3); and~~  
11 a database which stores preceding controls, subsequent controls, and weighting  
12 factors, each of which are associated with one another therein; and  
13 process execution means [[[7)]] which specifies [[a]] content of a subsequent  
14 control to be performed on an external device to be a control target based on a~~currently executed~~  
15 control, a weighting factor stored in association with the currently executed control, and the  
16 specified-content of the uttered speech specified by the specifying means, and performs the  
17 control.

1                   71. (Currently amended) ~~A program which allows a computer to function as a~~  
2 ~~device control device~~The information recording medium according to claim 70 further  
3 comprising a program causing the computer to function as:  
4 speech recognition means [[[2, 3)]] which acquires speech data representing a  
5 speech and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the  
6 speech data;  
7 specifying means which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer  
8 based on the words specified by the speech recognition means [[[2, 3)]];  
9 process specifying means [[[7)]] which specifies a content of control to be  
10 performed on an external device to be a control target based on the specified content;

information acquisition means [(7)] which acquires information via  
predetermined communication means [(74)]; and  
speech output means [(5)] which outputs a speech based on the information  
acquired by the information acquisition means [(7)],  
whereby when the control specified by the process specifying means [(7)] is to  
output information acquired by the information acquisition means [(7)], the speech output  
means [(5)] outputs a speech based on the information.

72. (Canceled)

73. (Currently amended) ~~A program which allows a computer to function as a  
speech recognition device comprising: The information recording medium according to claim 71,  
speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech  
and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech  
data;  
specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer  
based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);  
wherein the process specifying execution means [(7)] which specifies a process  
to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech. [1]  
information means (7) which acquires information via predetermined  
communication means (74); and  
speech output means (5) which outputs a speech based on the information  
acquired by the information acquisition means (7),  
whereby when the process specified by the process specifying means (7) is to  
output information acquired by the information acquisition means (7), the speech output means  
(5) outputs a speech based on the information.~~

74 and 75. (Canceled)

76. (Currently amended) ~~A program which allows a computer to function as~~  
The information recording medium according to claim 70, wherein the computer is incorporated  
in an on-vehicle device control device so constructed as to be mountable on a vehicle, having an  
external on-vehicle device mounted thereon, comprising:

speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech  
and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech  
data;

specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer  
based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3); and

wherein the process execution means [(7)] which specifies a content of control  
to be performed on the on-vehicle device based on the specified content of the uttered speech,  
and performs the control.

77. (Currently amended) ~~A program which allows a computer to function as~~  
~~an on-vehicle device control device so constructed as to be mountable on a vehicle having an~~  
~~external on-vehicle device mounted thereon, comprising~~The information recording medium  
according to claim 76 further comprising a program causing the computer to function as:

speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech  
and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech  
data;

specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer  
based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);

process specifying means which specifies a content of control to be performed on  
the on-vehicle device control device based on the specified content;

information acquisition means [(7)] which acquires information via  
predetermined communication means [(74)]; and

speech output means [(5)] which outputs a speech based on the information  
acquired by the information acquisition means [(7)],

whereby when the control specified by the process ~~specifying execution~~ means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~ is to output information acquired by the information acquisition means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~, the speech output means ~~[[ (5) ]]~~ outputs a speech based on the information.

78. (Currently amended) ~~A program which allows a computer to function as~~  
The information recording medium according to claim 70, wherein the computer is incorporated  
in a navigation device so constructed as to be mountable on a vehicle, comprising:  
speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech  
and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech  
data;  
specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer  
based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3); and  
wherein the process execution means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~ which specifies a content of a  
navigation process to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech, and  
performs the specified navigation process.

79. (Currently amended) ~~A program which allows a computer to function as~~  
~~a navigation device so constructed as to be mountable on a vehicle, comprising~~The information  
recording medium according to claim 78 further comprising a program causing the computer to  
function as:  
speech recognition means which acquires speech data representing a speech and  
specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech data;  
specifying means which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer  
based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);  
~~process specifying means which specifies a content of a navigation process to be~~  
~~performed based on the specified content;~~  
information acquisition means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~ which acquires information via  
predetermined communication means ~~[[ (74) ]]~~; and  
speech output means ~~[[ (5) ]]~~ which outputs a speech based on the information  
acquired by the information acquisition means ~~[[ (7) ]]~~,



whereby when the navigation process specified by the process specifying  
execution means [(7)] is to output information acquired by the information acquisition means  
[(7)], the speech output means outputs a speech based on the information.

80. (Currently amended) ~~A program which allows a computer to function as~~  
~~an audio device comprising:~~ The information recording medium according to claim 70,  
speech recognition means [(2, 3)] which acquires speech data representing a  
speech and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the  
speech data;  
specifying means [(7)] which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an  
utterer based on the words specified by the speech recognition means [(2, 3)]; and  
wherein the process execution means [(7)] which specifies a content of a speech  
process to be performed based on the specified content of the uttered speech, and performs the  
specified speech process, or controls an external device in such a way as to cause the external  
device to perform the specified speech process.

81. (Currently amended) ~~A program which allows a computer to function as~~  
~~an audio device comprising~~ The information recording medium according to claim 80 further  
comprising a program causing the computer to function as:  
speech recognition means (2, 3) which acquires speech data representing a speech  
and specifies words represented by the speech by performing speech recognition on the speech  
data;  
specifying means (7) which specifies a content of the speech uttered by an utterer  
based on the words specified by the speech recognition means (2, 3);  
process specifying means (7) which specifies a content of a speech process to be  
performed on the specified content;  
information acquisition means [(7)] which acquires information via  
predetermined communication means [(7)]; and  
speech output means [(5)] which outputs a speech based on the information  
acquired by the information acquisition means [(7)],

15                   whereby when the speech process specified by the process ~~specifying execution~~  
16   means ~~[(7)]~~ is to output information acquired by the information acquisition means ~~[(7)]~~, the  
17   speech output means ~~[(5)]~~ outputs a speech based on the information.